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raisers in June. Why June? Because they were getting around the January to May limitations. But what's that all about? It's a strategy to get around the rule.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR LANDIS: Oh my goodness, there they are again. It is a self-defeating thing by raising the bar, which we will then try to get around, which will then fail to meet the bar. We have to, I think, operate knowing the public is suspicious of us, but not vainly trying to capture or catch up to a "schmiracle", unattainable, disappearing mirage, and that is that somehow acts like this will make the public buy into us. If the public gets property tax, they'll feel a lot better about us than anything we do here. If they get property tax relief, they'll feel a lot different about the Legislature than anything else we do. you want to improve the image of your body, of this body, cut property taxes by a third, that will improve the Legislature. And nothing else will affect the alienation of the public's feeling about government, until they see it in their pocket and they watch it in their paychecks and they see it in their tax levies, then they'll understand, and this won't do it.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Landis. Senator Matzke wishes to announce that the following guest is visiting the Legislature today, his daughter, Dr. Dana Govaerts, is here. She is sitting under the south balcony. Will you stand and be recognized, please. And the Lancaster County senators wish to announce that approximately 75 students and teachers from Lincoln High, Lincoln Southeast High, and Lincoln Northeast, and Lincoln East, Pius, and Malcolm are here for the County Legislative Day. They are just walking in now. As they come in, will you please recognize these students in the north balcony. Welcome to the Legislature. Mr. Clerk, items for the record.

CLERK: Madam President, I do, thank you. Your Committee on Government, Military and Veterans Affairs reports LB 15 to General File, signed by Senator Robinson. Executive Board reports LB 102 to General File. That's signed by Senator Coordsen. Transportation Committee reports 210, General File; 261, General File; 156, indefinitely postponed; 220, 295,